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**From:** Salemi, Charles (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MASSMAIL-01/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=CHARLES.SALEMI]  
**Sent:** 4/22/2011 3:08:39 PM  
**To:** Platt, Tonya (SUF) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=Tonya.Platt]  
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**Subject:** FW: Commonwealth v [REDACTED]

Hi ADA Platt, This situation with the Comm. v [REDACTED] case has arisen several times since Melendz-Diaz went into affect. The laboratory's policy is that it will not retest samples done by chemists who are on leave or retired. We will have the second chemist who was involved in the original testing testify to the notes of the absent chemist. Several courts have allowed this. If the judge does not allow this to happen in this case, you can ask for a continuance until the chemist returns. This is an unfortunate situation for all parties involved. If you have any questions, please can contact me at the laboratory. Take care.

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**From:** Renczkowski, Daniel (DPH)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2011 6:37 AM  
**To:** Salemi, Charles (DPH)  
**Subject:** FW: Commonwealth v [REDACTED]

Kate was the primary on this case. I'm not sure what to tell this ADA.

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**From:** Platt, Tonya (SUF)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2011 3:00 PM  
**To:** Renczkowski, Daniel (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: Commonwealth v [REDACTED]

Hey,

The case did get continued to June. I believe you said that Kate would be out until August. Is it possible to have the test she did redone by another chemist? I've spoken to the defense attorney and explained the issue and he refuses to stipulate to anything so I will definitely need the chemist testimony to show that it was in fact crack. I know you guys are very busy but I can't think of any way around that other than to have it retested. Thanks

Tonya

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**From:** Renczkowski, Daniel (DPH)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2011 2:21 PM  
**To:** Platt, Tonya (SUF)  
**Subject:** RE: Commonwealth v [REDACTED]

Hi Tonya. Did this case get continued?

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**From:** Platt, Tonya (SUF)

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:30 PM

**To:** Renczkowski, Daniel (DPH)

**Subject:** RE: Commonwealth v [REDACTED]

Thanks, do you know when she will be back? I'm assuming it would be at least a few months, but if you have a rough idea that would be great.

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**From:** Renczkowski, Daniel (DPH)

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 8:16 AM

**To:** Platt, Tonya (SUF)

**Subject:** RE: Commonwealth v [REDACTED]

Hi Tonya. Unfortunately, at least for this case, Kate has gone out on [REDACTED] this week. I was able to track down her notes on the case so I have all the data available. I don't anticipate having any conflicts as of yet for the trial date. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Thanks.

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**From:** Platt, Tonya (SUF)

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 7:26 PM

**To:** Corbett, Kate (DPH); Renczkowski, Daniel (DPH); O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)

**Subject:** Commonwealth v [REDACTED]

Hello,

Please find attached a trial summons for **April 11, 2011** in the matter of Commonwealth v [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If either of you have a conflict with this date, please let me know as soon as possible. I will be in touch closer to the trial date to go over the case. Thanks

Tonya

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